

to ask the question a bright eyed, blithe-hearted little fellow asked his mamma, when reproved at his merry sport: "Mamma, were you ever a boy? tell me were you ever a boy?"

We expect our pastor to believe what he preaches, else he cannot make us believe it. We do not expect him to be Moody or any other man but himself. We expect him to rise and stand upon his own feet. He must ever try to improve. As he knows us better, he can instruct us better. Every new Sabbath morn he can preach better as there is simply no limit to the "unsearchable riches of Christ." He must preach his convictions. Take Christ as an example. Sometimes he set the pearl in a frame of gold but often He let the jagged truth gnash whom it would. Yet even as they would leave gnashing their teeth, He would love himself last and cherish the hearts that hated Him. "He was too earnest to be dull, too humane to be incomprehensible." Let him fear not to be personal for to be impersonal is "cloud-land, weakness and death." Be plain tho

"It may be glorious to write
Thoughts that shall glad the two or three
High souls like those far stars that come in sight
Once in a century.
But better far it is to speak
One simple word, which now and then
Shall waken their free natures in the weak
And friendless sons of men."

We expect him not to let us go home with the cry uttered by the Bedouin who was lost on the desert and almost famished for food and drink, when he saw something in the distance, thought it a bag of provisions lost by some traveler. On opening it he cried, "O, it is only diamonds! only diamonds!" Too many of the present day preachers strive to be philosophical, rhetorical, scientific; they work to make diamonds out of their man-made dogmas, their brilliant periods, flaming phrases and splendid sentences. A weary, thirsty, hungry soul comes for bread and, alas! finds "only diamonds." No amount of diamonds is worth a mouthful of bread to a hungry man. Give him bread. Preach Jesus and him crucified. He is the bread and water of life.

Yet we expect him to teach us not to depend merely on his help and the means of grace for growth and life, but that we must go direct to the fountain head—to God and the Holy Spirit.

Again, let our pastor be friendly and sociable. If he is, he is the better prepared to do personal work which often counts far more than pulpit work. The least opportunities are what he can least afford to lose. Yet we want him to be more than an acquaintance—we want him to enter into our daily life and be one in whom we can confide. Perhaps there is many a young heart before him old in sorrow—one that has many battles to fight with no help at home,—in fact, discouragement. Another poor heart that has sinned and suffered, has had many struggles, passed thru many temptations, vicissitudes of hope and fear, want, desertion of

friends, the scorn of an uncharitable world, health gone, happiness, even hope. O, may he endeavor to lay such a soul tenderly in His hand from whom it came. May he strive to show any such Christ like sympathy, for

"No radiant pearl, which crested Fortune wears,
No gem that twinkling hangs from Beauty's ears,
Not the bright stars, which Night's blue arch adorn,
Nor rising suns that guild the vernal morn
Shine with such lustre as the tear that breaks
For other's woe down Virtue's manly cheek."

O, let us pray that our pastor may possess the touch of Christ. He prays God to save, heal, help, comfort, lift up, build up men, but can it not be that his hand is the one to bind up the wounds, and set them on their way rejoicing? Get the love of Christ—that will give the touch of Christ. May he pray earnestly for the graces of the Holy Spirit, and show the patience, gentleness, thoughtfulness, love, and yearning of Christ. Let their trial hour be the dearest bond between their heart and his.

When he goes into a jewelry store and picks up an opal, it is dull and lustreless. But let him impart the warmth of his hand and soon all the brilliant colors of the rainbow are seen. Many an opal lies around him in the young people, whose life may be dull and lustreless; it may even be marred and stained by sin, yet needs only the touch of Christ. May they not feel the warmth of Christ's touch in his hand? It will awaken their latent and dormant splendor and be the beginning of glory for them.

Pastor and young people must spend much time in prayer and communion with God. These will give power and strength above everything else. Continually saying, "What wouldst Thou have me to do, O, Lord?"

In all his help, we expect him not to overwhelm us. Love may hold us back from duty and thus wreck great destinies. A writer has said, "Our real friend is not the man or woman who smoothes over our difficulties, throws a cloak over our failings, stands between us and the penalties which our mistakes have brought upon us, but the man or woman who makes us understand ourselves, and helps us on to better things."

The Christian Life

PRAYER MEETING TOPIC

"CONDUCT OF CHRISTIANS"

I Scripture Teachings.

- 1 Should believe God, (Mk. 11:22;) Fear Him, (Eccl. 12:13;) Love him, (Deut. 6:15.) Follow Him, (Eph. 5:1,) and obey Him; (I John 5:3)
- 2 Should live unto Christ, Tit. 2:12; II Cor. 5:15; Rom. 14:8.
- 3 Should walk honestly, I Thess. 4:12; Rom. 13:13.
- 4 Should walk in the Spirit, Gal. 5:25.
- 5 Should walk worthy of their calling, Eph. 4:1.
- 6 Should love one another, Jno. 15:12; Jno. 13:35.
- 7 Strive for the faith, Phil. 1:27; Jude 3.
- 8 Put away sin, I Cor. 5:7.
- 9 Abstain from the appearance of evil, I Thess. 5:21.
- 10 Resist the devil, Jas. 4:7.
- 11 Show a good example, I Pet. 2:12.
- 12 Control the passions of the flesh, I Cor. 9:27; Eph. 4:26.

- 13 Forgive wrong, Mk. 11:25.
- 14 Visit the sick, Jas. 1:27.
- 15 Be liberal, Rom. 12:13.

II Remarks.

- 1 These are some of the things we as Christians should do.
- 2 They are not burdens. Only as we do them will we be free and unburdened, John 8:36; Matt. 11:28 30.
- 3 Our doing them will not save us, but will point others to Christ, Matt. 5:16.

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De Profundis

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From the depths, O Lord, I cry,
Hear me from Thy throne on high,
Thou who did'st on Calvary's tree
Shed Thy precious blood for me.
Suff'ring death and bitter shame,
Lord, adored be Thy name.
Let my prayer to Thee arise,
Let it pierce the vaulted shies.

From the depths, Lord, I confess
Freely my unworthiness.
Oft my feet have gone astray,
Oft have faltered by the way.
What Thou bid'st I've left undone,
Full of sin, and sin alone;
This, and only this, my plea,
Jesus, Thou hast died for me.

From the depths, in bitter pain,
Will I cry, O Lord, in vain?
Dark the waters o'er me roll,
Gloom o'erhangs my anguished soul,
Fiercely and more fiercely rage
Storms and floods without assuage;
Save, oh! save me by Thy pow'r,
Father, save me in this hour.

From the depth, O Lord, I cry,
Endless thanks to Thee, Most High;
Blessing, honor, glory be
To Thy name, Great One in Three.
Thou hast heard my feeble prayer,
Stoop'd, and raised me from despair.
Sing, my soul, nor cease to praise
Him who saved you by His grace.

De profundis, sinners all,
Lost by Adam's costly fall,
In the hour of thy deep need
Would'st thy soul from sin be free'd?
Look, then look, to Calvary's Lamb,
Who for such as thou wast slain.
Ask, and pardon He will give,
Pardon take, and thou shalt live.

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CHRIST OUR HIGH PRIEST

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Holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus. Heb. 3:1. Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figure of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us, Heb. 9:24. It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Rom. 8:34. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to